

Ecosystem Roundtable Agenda
March 13, 9:30 to 3:00
Room 1412, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento

1. Focused grants and designated actions - Darling

Attached to this package is an updated matrix (Attachment 1) of the Integration Panel recommendations for focused grants and designated actions. There were several changes made to the Integration Panel recommendations to address Management Team concerns regarding the balance between implementation and planning/monitoring/research. Staff recommendations regarding general allocation of funds are listed in the last column and these were approved by the Policy Group. A summary of all funding decisions made to date is included in Attachment 2.

2. FY 98 federal spending plan - Darling

Based on the Integration Panel recommendations as modified by staff, a federal spending plan is being developed for Secretary Babbitt's signature. A copy of this letter should be available at the Roundtable meeting.

3. Process to complete FY 98 spending - Howard, Darling

CALFED and USBR staff will provide a presentation on how federal funds are proposed to be used to select and implement projects. The Roundtable will be asked to provide recommendations on this process and will be asked to consider whether all funds should be allocated using a competitive process or if it would be acceptable to direct funding to several projects which have been proposed for funding under the CVPIA or under NRCS Wetlands Reserve Program.

4. Report from water acquisition group: Workgroup members

The Water Acquisition Workgroup has been developing principles and a general proposed allocation of funds which should be available at the Roundtable meeting.

5. CVPIA FY 98 Budget - USBR, USFWS

An overview of the proposed FY 98 CVPIA budget will be provided. USBR and USFWS will be presenting options regarding use of the FY 98 Bay-Delta Account to fund projects which were originally expected to be funded from CVPIA Restoration and Energy and Water funds.

6. Monitoring- Larry Smith and Leo Winternitz

7. Implementation update - Hansel

8. Washington, D.C. trip update - Hansel
9. Planning for FY 99 - Darling
10. Planning for FY 99 geographic scope - Peltier, Darling

Representatives of Trinity County have asked the Ecosystem Roundtable to consider whether restoration actions on the Trinity River be considered for funding in future rounds because restoration on the Trinity could affect the amount of water being diverted from the Trinity into the Central Valley.

11. Input to assurances on new entity - Scoonover, Darling

Ecosystem Roundtable members will have an opportunity to provide input to the Assurances Work Group on strengths and weaknesses of the current operations of the Roundtable for their consideration in the development of any new entity.